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1. On 20 July an undetermined number of Chinese Communist officials landed on Peishuang (N 26-44, E 120-22) from two motorjunks and requested the help of civilians. The civilians asked for a Chinese Communist motor junk patrol and the officials said that one motor junk was to patrol the area at all times.
2. In late July the Chinese Communists gave civilians on Chihchutao (N 26-32, E 120-04) 20,000 catties of food and JMP 10,000,000. The island leaders were taken to Hsiahu (N 26-39, E 120-04) to form a new Chihchutao government. The Chinese Communist program on Shuangfengtao (N 26-36, E 120-10) was identical.
3. In early August the chief of the Hsiapu (N 26-54, E 120-12) district interrogated local seamen on the details of Chihchutao, Shuangfengtao and Peishuang harbors and on fresh water supplies.
4. In early August the civilians on Chihchutao were becoming pro-Communist. At a meeting held at the local temple on 14 August they decided to form a local Chinese Communist government and militia with Chinese Communist aid.
5. On 14 August the Chinese Communist issued JMP 30,000,000 to the Chihchutao fishermen's fund, JMP 15,000,000 to the farmers' fund, and JMP 10,000,000 to the relief fund. All civilians who were captured by the Chinese Communists were returned with 100-200 catties of sweet potatoes each.

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6. In mid-August forty Chinese Communist troops landed on Chihchutao and ten of them searched the villages for Nationalist suspects. The Chinese Communists later withdrew.
7. On 24 August 2 North Fukien Anti-Communist National Salvation Army gunboats arrived at Chihchutao. Chinese Communist agents on the island signalled to the Chinese Communist motor junks with white flags and by 1900 hours on 25 August the motor junks forced the Nationalist gunboats to withdraw.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The Chinese Nationalist guerrillas withdrew from islands in the Chihchutao area in early July [REDACTED] and are now concentrated on Yinshan (N 26-22, E 120-30). Chihchutao, Shuangfengtao, Machick, and Chuishan are now Chinese Communist controlled although not occupied by troops. The Nationalists have lost control over these islands and it is extremely difficult for them to return to the area.

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